

## News from SALEM COUNTY

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## TUNES FROM THE CRYPT Music Program in Salem Features Spooky Organ Music

(SALEM,NJ)—With Halloween fast approaching, the Salem County Cultural & Heritage Commission is sponsoring an appropriately bone-chilling evening of entertainment for the whole family on Friday evening, October 23, 2009. "Tunes from the Crypt" features Joanne Koerber Owen at the console of the organ at St. John's Episcopal Church, 76 Market St., Salem, NJ who has prepared a suitably spooky prelude for the city's annual Walking Ghost Tour of historic Market St. and the inaugural presentation of "Music Around the County," a new concert series that will continue next March and April in Daretown and Salem.

"We are really excited to be offering this new opportunity to experience great music in beautiful spaces in Salem County," said Deputy Freeholder Director Beth Timberman. "The series promises to be an exciting and enjoyable way to hear some of the region's talented artists, and best of all the event is free."

Owen is well-known in Salem County and South Jersey as a recitalist. A graduate of the Eastman School of Music, she has taught and performed widely throughout the region and for many years as Minister of Music and the Arts at St. John's Episcopal Church, Salem, where she was named Minister of Music Emerita.

"This concert is sure to put you in a Halloween mood," said Owen. "We've selected a program that features familiar pieces like Bach's famous "Toccata and Fugue in D Minor" and Gounod's "Funeral March for a Marionette," which became famous as the theme for Alfred Hitchcock's television series."

"Tunes from the Crypt" precedes Salem City's Annual Walking Ghost Tour of Historic Market Street, which begins nearby at 7 pm. There is no admission charge for the concert. For information, visit the Events Calendar at <a href="www.VisitSalemCountyNJ.com">www.VisitSalemCountyNJ.com</a> or call (856)-935-7510 ext. 8532.

For a suitably spooky start for your Halloween celebration, this is an event not to be missed.